

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for packing welding wire in a storage container to reduce the amount of shifting of the welding wire in the storage container and the number of incidence of tangles (e.g., bird nesting, etc.) occurring during the payout of the welding wire from the storage container. A turntable storage container support that supports the storage container is used to rotate the storage container in a forward and a reverse direction while the welding wire is packed into the storage container.

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